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Subject: ACTION: UPDATED STATEMENT - Geismar (NEED COMMENT by 1045 AM)
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William Olefin Plant, Geismar, LA

EPA emergency response personnel are on-scene at the site of the explosion and fire at the Williams Olefin facility in Geismar, Louisiana. The cause of the initial fire is still under investigation.

EPA's emergency response personnel are coordinating with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and multiple state and local partners on the response. EPA has began conducting air monitoring around the facility yesterday afternoon and have continued overnight. LDEQ also conducted air monitoring during yesterday's event. To date, air monitoring has not shown levels of concerns to the surrounding community.

The facility is required prepare a Risk Management Plan. The facility is also subject to EPCRA Tier II reporting requirements and must submit information to the state, local emergency planning committee and fire department.

Within the last 5 years, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has taken two Clean Air Act enforcement actions against Williams Olefins facility resulting in total penalties of \$4,500. The last Clean Air Act inspection was conducted by the state officials in December 2011.



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